

Docket No.: 50395-134



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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of	:	Customer Number: 20277
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Takemi HASEGAWA, et al.	:	Confirmation Number: 2299
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Serial No.: 10/076,603	:	Group Art Unit: 2874
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Filed: February 19, 2002	:	Examiner: J. Kang
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For: OPTICAL FIBER AND OPTICAL FIBER TRANSMISSION LINE, AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREFOR		

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Mail Stop Restriction Requirement  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In the Office Action dated January 26, 2004, the Examiner imposed a Restriction Requirement pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121, requiring election of either:

Group I. Claims 1 through 16 directed to a method; or

Group II. Claims 17 through 23 directed to an optical fiber.

In response Applicants elect to prosecute method claims 1 through 16 (Group I).

Favorable consideration of method claims 1 through 16 is solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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Respectfully submitted,

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